Central Montana Wildland Engine Academy

May 13 - 14 - 15, 2005

Bull Run Outfitting and Guest Ranch - Cascade, MT

February 15, 2005

"AN OPPORTUNITY TO UPDATE AND STRENGTHEN YOUR WILDLAND FIREFIGHTING SKILLS"

The Central Montana Wildland Engine Academy is offering wildland firefighters the opportunity to upgrade their present wildland fire fighting skills, learn new skills, and prepare their wildland fire fighting crews to meet the challenges of our up-coming fire season. There will also be an opportunity to complete some task book requirements.

The Academy is being sponsored this year by the Cascade, Lewis and Clark, Jefferson, and Teton Rural Fire Councils in cooperation with the majestic Bull Run Outfitting and Guest Ranch, the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC), Lewis and Clark National Forest and local fire service organizations. The Incident Management Team is committed to excellence in training in an interagency collaborative environment.

Resources will be assigned to Task Forces, and exercises will include a **LIVE BURN.**

In the Spirit of wildland firefighters, our Academy will perform all tasks and events with an attitude of interagency co-operations and **TEAM WORK**. Participants from Rural Volunteer Fire Departments, Forest Service, DNRC and Private Contractors are encouraged to share their expertise and firefighting skills throughout the weekend. Upon completion of this Academy all firefighters will have been exposed to the necessary skills with which to approach future wildland fires as a cohesive interagency team member.

• Enrollment is limited to 24 engines Type III-VI, with three (3) person crews. There will be six (6) water tenders Type II-III, with two (2) person crews.

- All participants <u>MUST BE PREPARED</u> to remain at the Academy both nights and should have adequate camping gear and appropriate clothing for various weather conditions. Wildland Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) equivalent to NWCG standards is required to participate at the Academy. This includes operable fire shelters for each of the personnel.
- With respect for the private land owner and the surrounding community, *NO ILLEGAL DRUGS OR ALCOHOL* will be tolerated.
- Entry Fee is \$65.00 per person. This covers administrative cost, meals for Friday, Saturday and Sunday along with a tee-shirt and cap with the Engine Academy logo.

To register, complete the enclosed form along with the statement of insurance, tee shirt order and entry fee. Return as soon as possible. This is on a first come first serve basis. All entry forms <u>must</u> be received by *April 15, 2005! Send completed application to*:

Central Montana Wildland Engine Academy c/o Richard Grady 8001 North Montana Avenue Helena, MT 59602

Please make checks payable to: Central Montana Wildland Engine Academy (CMWEA)

Any questions? You can call Julie Birkenbuel at 468-2548 or Greg Moore at 468-2784.

SEE YOU ALL THERE!!!!!!!!!!